दूसरे चरण में मालगाड़ियों में इस सुविधा को उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Railways dues against Electricity Boards and Power stations

2920. Dr. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount the National Thermal Power Corporation, Delhi Vidyut Board, the State Electricity Boards and Power Stations owe to Railways as on 31st March 1999; separately, zone-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Railways for recovery of these dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): A statement Containing details is given in Annexure. [See Appendix 186, *annexure no. 52*] March 1999 figures will be available only in next month hence the statement has been prepared on the basis of February 1999.

(b) In order to stop fresh accrual of outstanding dues against all State Electricity Boards/Power Houses, the scheme of pre-payment of freight for carriage of coal has been implemented w.e.f. 1.10.1996 and for Badarpur Thermal Power Plant of National Thermal Power Corporation w.e.f. 1.1.1997.

The past outstandings till December 1996 are being realised and adjusted by appropriation from Central Plan Assistance at the rate of 15% of total outlay and distributed prorata on the basis of proportion due to Indian Railways, National Thermal Power Corporation (Power Facility) & Coal India Ltd.

New Railway projects for North-Eastern States

2921. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of new projects announced in the Rail Budget for North Eastern States, State-wise;

(b) the projects for which technical sanction has been given;

(c) the projects which are awaiting technical sanction;

(d) the amount provided for these projects during the current budget; and

(e) the amount provided for the ongoing projects, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (d) No new projects have been announced in the Rail Budget for North-Eastern States.

(e) Amount allocated to ongoing projects in the North-East Region in 1999-2000 is as follows:—

New Lines:—

(i) Harmauti-Itanagar	- 10 Crores
(ii) Diphu-Karong	- 20 Crores
(iii) Bogibeel Bridge	- 5 Crores
(iv) Kumarghat-Agartala	-40 Crores
(v) Dudhnoi-Depa	- 2 Crores
(vi) Jogighopa-Guwahati	- 10 Crores

Gauge Conversion:—

(i) Katakhal-Bhairabhi	- 2 Crores
(ii) New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri -New Bongaigaon	- 69 Crores
(iii) Lumding-Silchar	- 40 Crores
(iv) Lumding-Dibrugarh	- 2 Crores

Railway Projects are not planned on the basis of state boundaries. Statewise details of investments are not maintained.